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Alleged shifting of electric machinery, etc., of the Ex-Servicemen Co-operative Metal and Timber Works, Waltair.

* 1155 *Q.*—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the shifting of machinery such as electric transformer, etc., of the Ex-Servicemen Co-operative Metal and Timber Works, Limited, Kapparada, Waltair R.S., to a place in the southern districts; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" One electric transformer belonging to the Ex-Servicemen Co-operative Workshop at Kapparada, Visakhapatnam, for which they could find no use, and which they could not sell, was ordered to be transferred to the Ex-Servicemen Co-operative Workshop at Olavakode, Malabar district, subject to the condition that the value is paid for."

Alleged complaint against a doctor of the Anantapur Government Headquarters Hospital.

* 1156 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there were any complaints of corruption against a doctor in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Anantapur, by Sri B. Gopalakrishna and other Municipal Councillors of Anantapur; and

(*b*) if so, what was the action taken?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The matter is under investigation."

Clerks in the Registration Department.

* 1157 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage of upper division clerks and the percentage of lower division clerks in the Registration Department;

(*b*) the percentage of both the categories in the Revenue and Public Works Departments; and

(*c*) the criterion for assessing the requirements of the posts of upper division clerks in these departments?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (*a*) The total number of clerks in the Registration Department is 2,135 of which 36 are in the upper division. The percentage of upper division and lower division posts are 1·69 and 98·31 respectively.

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"(b) Necessary up-to-date figures about the correct percentages are not readily available. It may, however, be stated that the number of upper division posts does not bear a fixed and uniform ratio to the number of lower division posts either in the Registration Department or in the Revenue or Public Works Department.

(c) The criterion for assessing the required number of upper division posts is the nature of the work that is to be done by clerks. If the duties of a clerk are mainly of a routine nature, the post will be in the lower division and if the clerk is to do noting and drafting and to deal with important subjects the post will be in the upper division."

Anti-malarial operation in East Godavari.

* 1158 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member Sri Y. V. Krishna Rao is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI Y. V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether anti-malarial operations have been started in Yellavaram taluk, East Godavari district, as promised in Letter No. 52211 E-2/52-1, Health, dated 12th November 1952; and

(b) whether any officers have been appointed for the purpose and if so, from what date and of which cadre?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(a) Yes.

"(b) A Health Officer, Class I with necessary subordinate staff has been sanctioned. The Health Officer joined duty on 12th February 1953."

Ten per cent cut in the salaries of High Court Judges.

* 1159 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the 10 per cent cut imposed by the Madras State Government was accepted voluntarily by the High Court Judges?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—"No, Sir. No attempt was made in view of previous experience. I may mention that there was previously a voluntary cut and they all withdrew afterwards. That is what I referred to as 'previous experience'. Almost all the Judges in India did it.

"I may add the salaries of the High Court Judges have been fixed by the Constitution. Their pay cannot be ordered to be cut by the State Government. We have since withdrawn the orders imposing a temporary cut of 10 per cent on the pay of the State Officers, consequent on the Government of India's non-acceptance of this Government's suggestion for a similar cut in the pay of All-India Service Officers. So the question of voluntary cut for Judges cannot arise."